



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

MEMORANDUM FOR: Scott B. Gudes
Acting Under Secretary
for Oceans and Atmosphere/Administrator
and Deputy Under Secretary

FROM Margaret A. Davidson
Acting Assistant Administrator

SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice of Intent to Prepare a
Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental
Impact Statement - Montrose Settlements Restoration
Program

Attached for your review and clearance is a NON-CONTROVERSIAL Notice of Intent of the Natural Resource Trustees for the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP) to prepare a restoration plan and programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS).

The Natural Resource Trustees for the MSRP have decided to prepare a restoration plan and programmatic EIS addressing the restoration of the natural resources injured from the release of DDTs and PCBs into the Southern California Bight. This Notice of Intent to prepare a restoration plan and programmatic EIS will begin the public scoping process as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Notice of Intent has been unanimously approved by the Montrose Trustee Council members and the publication of this notice will satisfy the requirements of both CERCLA and NEPA.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that we are beginning the restoration process, to set forth the categories of restoration that the Trustees are currently considering, to seek input from the public on that process, and to announce three public meetings that will be held this fall.

